

City of Madison

Waste Management & Recycling Guidelines



Did you know . . . ? Americans generate over 229 million tons of garbage or municipal solid waste (MSW) annually.

To effectively manage MSW, the US EPA recommends a prioritized waste management hierarchy:

1. Source reduction & reuse
2. Recycling
3. Composting
4. Waste-to-Energy (Combustion)
5. Landfilling



How can you help? Using the EPA hierarchy as a guideline, take advantage of the various resources available in our area to minimize the MSW generated by your household.

Here's how . . .

Organic Waste

Nearly 1/4 of MSW is comprised of organic waste such as food scraps, yard trimmings, non-recyclable paper (paper towels, napkins, etc.), and wood products. **Food scraps, non-recyclable paper, and some yard trimmings** can be recycled at home to produce a nutrient-rich soil additive for home gardening. **Yard trimmings and wood products (including Christmas trees)** can also be placed at the curb for pick-up by the City of Madison Public Works department, which will transfer these materials to a processing facility.



Paper & Cardboard

Newspapers and magazines are collected curbside in Madison County by BFI/Allied under contract with the Solid Waste Disposal Authority of the City of Huntsville (SWDA). Please ensure that these items are dry when placed at the curb; save for another day when it's raining. For those who do not have curbside recycling, drop-sites are provided at the BFI/Allied Recyclery and at the Keep Athens-Limestone Beautiful (KALB) Recycling Center. **Cardboard, phonebook, and white paper** recycling is also available at these drop-sites. For details on these recycling programs, visit SWDA at www.swdahsv.org or KALB at www.KeepAthensLimestoneBeautiful.com.



Plastics



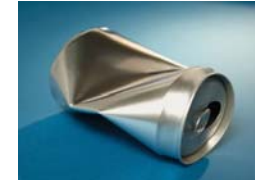
Rinsed, crushed **HDPE 1** and **PETE 2 narrow-necked plastic bottles** (lids removed) can be placed in blue bins for curbside pick-up in Madison County. These items are also accepted at the BFI/Allied Recyclery and at the KALB Recycling Center. Visit SWDA at www.swdahsv.org or KALB at www.KeepAthensLimestoneBeautiful.com for details. Collection bins for clean, dry **plastic grocery bags** are available at many grocery stores.

Metals

Rinsed **aluminum and tin cans** and empty **aerosol cans**



except those that contained paint, poison or other toxic chemicals can be placed in curbside bins for pick-up in Madison County or taken to SWDA or KALB drop-sites. For information on recycling of scrap or other metals, visit SWDA at www.swdahsv.org or KALB at www.KeepAthensLimestoneBeautiful.com.



Glass

Sorted and rinsed **brown, green, and clear glass** is accepted at both the BFI/Allied Recyclery and the KALB Recycling Center. Please visit SWDA at www.swdahsv.org or KALB at www.KeepAthensLimestoneBeautiful.com for details.



Other Items

Household dry-cell alkaline batteries are recyclable. In Madison County, place in a clear, plastic, zippered bag beside your blue recycling bin for collection by BFI/Allied. For those who do not have curbside recycling, call (256) 880-6054 for drop-off information.

Used cellular phones, rechargeable batteries & ink cartridges are collected for reuse or recycling at various local businesses. Visit www.rbrc.org/call2recycle to search for collection points nearby. The Keep Athens-Limestone Beautiful (KALB)



Recycling Board also accepts some of these items; call (256) 233-8746 for details.

Used Motor Oil is recyclable. In *Madison County*, put used oil in a clear, plastic container and fasten the lid securely. Place container beside your bin for collection by BFI/Allied. *If you do not have curbside recycling* or for **other automotive fluids**, please call City of Madison Public Works at (256) 772-8490 for information on proper disposal.



Used tires may be placed at the curb for pick-up by Madison Public Works department

For **large item (used appliance, etc.) pick-up**, contact City of

Madison Public Works at (256) 772-8490 to request a pick-up.